THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores spread over 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of the Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipments and appliances and setting up of 5 new fire stations and underground static tanks.

An amount of Rs. 5 crores has been released during the last financial year and the Delhi Fire Service have stated that this is being utilised for the specified purposes.

Smack Dens in Delhi

1613. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported conversion of the 'smack joints' into 'crack houses' by the drug peddlers in Delhi and that a large number of such smack dens in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS, and other places are peddling in 'crack' drug; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to liquidate the racket involved in running such dens in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only one case of seizure of suspected "crack" has been reported. No case of "smack joint" or "Crack House/den" in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS and other places has come to the notice of Delhi Police.

(b) The action taken under the provisions of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, enforced with effect from 14-11-1985, has had its impact and there has been a decrease in drug trafficking cases in Delhi since then. Some active drug traffickers/smugglers operating inter-state and also internationally have been identified and a constant watch is maintained on their movements. Close liaison is maintained with other enforcement agencies and special watch is kept at the entry and exit points of the Union Territory of Delhi against drug trafficking.

Deaths due to mishaps in mines in Delhi

1614. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers who died due to mishaps in Delhi mines during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) how many out these deaths were due to mishandling of explosives;

(c) how many workers received compensation during this period along with the amount paid in each case; and

(d) what steps are being taken to enforce mine safety measures strictly in Delhi mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of workers who died during the last three years due to accidents in the mines in Delhi for which leases/permits have been granted by Delhi Admn. is indicated below:

Year	No. of workers died
1984	1
1985	3
1986	Nil